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(b) whether there has been consequent submersion and loss of crops every year in the villages above Gorripudi up to Valangi adjoining the Tulyabhaga drain;

(c) whether frequent representations about this have been made to the Engineering and Revenue departments either to repair the aqueduct or to remove the same; and

(d) whether any scheme or proposal to prevent the submersion is under investigation now and if so, in what stage it is?

A.—The Government have called for a report.

Supply of water for second crop irrigation under "closed channels" in East Godavari district.

902 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that with reference to the second crop irrigation in the East Godavari district, it is usual to notify certain channels as closed channels for second crop irrigation and that as a result water for second crop will not be granted from such channels;

(b) whether there are some such closed channels in the East Godavari district, in the area affected by the recent rains and floods; and

(c) whether, in view of the loss and damage to the first crop by the recent rains and floods, the Government propose to instruct the Collector and the Executive Engineer to allow water for second crop for lands affected by the recent rains and floods from such channels, though already notified as closed?

A.—The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

Report of the special officer regarding the second-crop zone in Godavari Western delta.

903 Q.—Mr. D. Narayana Raju: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the special officer appointed to fix the second-crop zone in Godavari Western delta has finished his work and whether he has made any report; and, if so, whether Government will be pleased to place the report on the Council table; and

(b) whether the inclusions in, and the exclusions from, the second-crop zone as fixed by the special officer would be published in the *West Godavari District Gazette* with a view to give the ryots an opportunity to prefer objections, if any, in respect of individual fields?

A.—(a) The special officer has submitted a report, which is under the consideration of the Government. The suggestion to place the report on the table will be considered.

(b) This suggestion will also be considered.

Mr. D. Narayana Raju:—"May I know whether pending the final disposal of the report of the special officer, the lands that were hitherto receiving water for the second crop would not be refused water for the second crop irrigation?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks.—"The hon. Member's suggestion will be considered."